

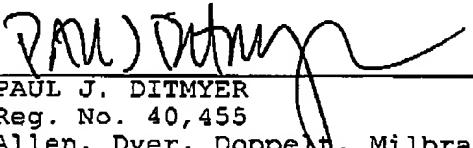
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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful and thorough examination of the present application, and for the indication of allowable subject matter. By this amendment, independent Claims 16, 35 and 43 have been amended to include features of respective dependent Claims 17, 37 and 45 which have now been canceled. Accordingly, the claims are in condition for allowance as indicated by the Examiner. Claim 35 was also amended to eliminate an informality. Claims 16, 18-36, 38-44 and 46-50 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the claims, it is submitted that all the claims are patentable. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is requested in due course. If any minor informalities need to be addressed, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

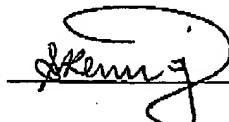
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